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TODAY and TOMORROW

"Frisco Fiasco"

THE so-called World-Security Conference that is scheduled to come off in San Francisco on the 25th of this month is threatening to prove a thumping victory for the anti-Axis Powers. The nearer they approach the date of the conference, the more apparent and irreconcilable become the mutual jealousies and differences which underlie their surface unity.

One thing we have observed about the forthcoming show is that the Anglo-Americans are publicising it as loudly and as insistently as they can, but the Russians are rather lukewarm about it. Neither Stalin nor any of the Soviet organs like the "Pravda" have cared to say anything to indicate that Soviet Russia attaches much importance to what is going to be discussed in San Francisco. As if to confirm this attitude of indifference on the part of the Soviets, the Soviet delegate-designate to the conference is not Stalin, nor Molotov but a comparatively minor official like the Soviet Ambassador to Washington.

In fairness to Russia's distrust of the San Francisco Conference, we must say that a number of other countries too share that distrust. For instance, the Persian Foreign Minister Nasrullah Hezan who was to have represented Persia at San Francisco has resigned, and the Persian Ambassador to London, Tonghizaden, who was also to have been a delegate has declined to go.

In the light of all this, it is apparent that the forthcoming Conference at San Francisco is not going to lay the foundations for World security. On the contrary, it is going to divide the world afresh into two hostile camps—one dominated by Anglo-American imperialism and finance capitalism, and the other by Soviet Communism. In other words, San Francisco would inevitably set the stage for another world war if the Anglo-Americans won this war.

Thank Heaven, their victory in this war is still very remote. The collapse of Germany, if ever it comes about, will not necessarily mean extension of power for the Anglo-Americans in Europe. Rather it would almost certainly lead to the Russian hegemony of Europe, which would ultimately be the undoing of Anglo-American influence in the European continent.

As for the Anglo-American prospects in the war in East Asia, they are certainly none too rosy. The crippling losses they are incurring just to get hold of small and barren islands hundreds of miles away from Nippon proper are an ominous index to what is in store for them in the days ahead when they get nearer to Nippon. The Americans are already suffering from shortage in shipping, shortage in man-power, and shortage in foodstocks. They have been already warned by their governments that their condition will be worse in 1945 than in 1944. Indeed, it will be much worse, intolerably worse. The Nippon forces will see to it that the roads to Tokyo become graveyards of American and British Imperialism in the East.

LAWLESS LAW IN INDIA TO END AT ONCE

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Cambridge Students Urge Immediate Release Of Imprisoned Leaders

Lisbon, April 1 (Domei)—The immediate release of all Indian political prisoners—leaders as well as the rank and file of Congress—and the withdrawal of "lawless ordinances" were demanded in a resolution passed at a meeting of a large number of Indian and English sudents held at Cambridge University, according to a Reuter's dispatch.

Mr. Dilip Sen, former President of the University Majlis, who presided over the meeting, said that Lord Wavell's visit to London would not create any impression among the Indians. He added that the present political deadlock in India was due solely to the reactionary policy of the British Government.

Mr. Subrate Roy Chowdhry, the General Secretary of the Cambridge University Majlis, who also addressed the meeting bitterly denounced Sir Feroze Khan Noon, and Sir Ramasami Mudaliar, who have been chosen by the British Raj to represent India at the San Francisco Conference. Mr. Roy Chowdhry said that both were the chosen hirelings of the British Raj. He added: They are only Indians by birth but they have no authority to represent any section of Indians. Mr. Roy Chowdhry hoped that the Indian political organisations in America would take steps to expose these two hirelings on their arrival on the soil of the United States.

A despatch from London clearly reveals the ever-increasing anxiety of the British people to appease the nationalist forces in India some way or other and thus avert the serious crisis confronting them in India. According to this despatch, the Independent Labour Party Conference on Monday passed an emergency resolution urging the

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Foe Newsman Confirms Big Nippon Resistance In Mandalay Plains

Lisbon, April 2 (Domei)—B.B.C. correspondent Richard Sharpe in a broadcast intercepted here today confirmed that the Nipponese are continuing to resist strongly on the plains south of Mandalay and repeated Nipponese counter-attacks are being hurled against British forces in the Meiktila sector. The Nipponese, he said, are fighting very tenaciously and throwing in strong counter-attacks whenever they get a chance. He added that the past few days' fighting indicate the Nipponese are striving to recapture Meiktila.

Govt. Of India Suffers Another Assembly Defeat

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Congress Party Motion To Increase Leave & Leave Pay Carried

The British Government in India suffered yet another defeat in the Central Indian Assembly on Monday, reveals a report from New Delhi. The report says that Monday's agenda of the Central Assembly was headed by the motion in the name of Sir Jeremy Raisman, the so-called Finance Member, for the consideration of his Income Tax Amendment Bill, but when the President called on him to make the motion, the Finance Member announced that he was not in a position to proceed with the Bill.

It will be recalled that the Congress, Muslim League and other parties in the Assembly had violently opposed the high-handed provisions of the Bill which, among other things, empowered the agents of the British Government to force their way into business premises and inspect their accounts. As the Finance Member knew that such a Bill had very little chance of being approved by the Assembly against the united opposition of the Congress, Muslim League and other parties, he decided to drop the Bill altogether.

The Congress Party in the Central Assembly achieved another victory when it forced the British Government to accept its amendment to the Labour Member's Bill to amend the Factories' Act which provides for holiday with pay for factory labour. The Congress Party's amendment sought to raise the period of holiday with pay from seven to ten days.

THIRTY-ONE MORE ENEMY WARSHIPS SUNK, DAMAGED IN WATERS OFF RYUKYU

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'Shinpu' Airmen Wreak Havoc On Foe Task Force

Tokyo, April 2 (Domei)—Continuing their devastating attacks against an enemy task force in waters off Okinawa main island and the Ryukyu Group, airmen of our "Shinpu" Special Attack Corps and other naval air units are chalking up brilliant war results with their bodycrashing assaults. From the night of Mar. 30 to the morning of April 1 our Shinpu Special Attack Corps and other air units carried out a total of six assaults on the enemy task force, inflicting heavy losses.

Hurtling into the enemy convoy in waters near Okinawa main island, our naval air units scored direct hits on an enemy oil tanker or possibly an aircraft-carrier, heavily damaging it and setting it ablaze. In addition one landing transport was sunk and one destroyer heavily damaged.

Early yesterday morning April 1 one plane of the "Shinpu" Special Attack Corps scored a bodycrash against a large enemy transport, sinking it instantaneously. Another plane of the same corps scored a direct hit and heavily damaged an enemy battleship as well as setting ablaze two transports. Two other enemy vessels of unspecified category also were damaged with "plane hits" of our death-defying airmen.

An enemy task force which was spotted in the vicinity of Ishigaki Island, southern tip of Ryukyu Island, was also attacked by our Shinpu airmen. One large enemy aircraft-carrier was seriously crippled and set afire with direct hits, while heavy losses were inflicted on other enemy surface craft. All these

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war results represent only those definitely confirmed, and actual losses sustained by the enemy as a result of our air assaults are believed to be much greater.

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Enemy's Colossal Losses In Warcraft Now Come To Grand Total Of 177

Tokyo, April 3 (Domei)—Thirty-one more enemy warships were either sunk or damaged in the Ryukyu waters. They comprise 13 warships definitely sunk and 18 others damaged. This brings the number of enemy warships either sunk or damaged by Nippon air and surface units in the Ryukyu waters to the grand total of 177 ships. The text of the Imperial Headquarters communique released at 3 p.m. today reads as follows:

Firstly, Nippon garrisons on the main island of Okinawa are engaging the enemy landing troops in a great battle of annihilation in the vicinity of the landing points.

Secondly, our Imperial air units are still keeping up their furious assault on the enemy warships in the waters around the main island of Okinawa, and the following war results have been confirmed after the previous communique.

Sank: One converted aircraft-carrier; one battleship; one battleship or transport; six cruisers; one destroyer; one transport.

Two warships of unknown category sunk and the following warships were ascertained to have been damaged:

One converted aircraft-carrier; eleven large warships including battleships; one battleship or cruiser; two cruisers; one cruiser or transport; two transports.

According to disclosure by Imperial Headquarters up to Monday afternoon, the American invading force lost a staggering total of 146 warcraft and other vessels during the first 8 days of the invasion operations. This figure included 7 aircraft-carriers, 5 battleships, 12 battleships or cruisers, 10 large-sized warcraft, 13 cruisers, 1 cruiser or destroyer and 27 destroyers as well as 66 other vessels.

BLOODY, BITTER FIGHTING GOING ON IN CEBU SECTOR

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Philippine Front, April 2 (Domei)—While no major change has taken place in the war situation to the east of Manila, fierce fightiig is now going on between Nippon troops and enemy forces which on Mar. 27 advanced into the Bosoboso sector, approximately eight kilometres east of Antipolo. Fierce fighting is now going on in the Bosoboso sector.

On Mar. 26 enemy troops supported by tanks attempted to attack our positions east of San Mateo but our forces smashed the enemy thrust in a fierce counter-thrust.

Meantime, reports from Cebu indicated that fighting continues to rage in and around Cebu City. During battles on Mar. 28 Nippon troops inflicted considerable losses on enemy troops which penetrated into the airfield. In the afternoon of Mar. 30 enemy forces resumed their attacks against our positions with artillery and mortar fire.

Sanguinary fighting is in progress in the northern suburbs of Cebu where part of enemy troops have managed to infiltrate into our defence lines in that area.

Heavy American Losses In Philippines Admitted In Enemy Communique

Lisbon, April 2 (Domei)—Indicating that heavy losses are being sustained by American forces in the Philippines, General Douglas MacArthur's latest communique today reported that American forces have incurred a total of 1,307 casualties during the course of the past five days' fighting in the Philippines, according to an American dispatch received here. The communique revealed that 340 of the casualties were killed, 48 missing, and 919 wounded.

New Nippon Political Party Formally Formed

Tokyo, March 30 (Domei)—The nation's new political party formally came into being today when the inaugural meeting of the Dai Nippon Seijikai (Political Association of Great Nippon) was held in the Diet building this afternoon. A large number of its sponsors including Admiral Seizo Kobayashi of the Yokusan (Imperial Rule Assistance) Political Association which has been replaced by the new party, were present. Also present were Premier General Kuniaki Koiso and all his Cabinet members who attended as guests. Rentaro Mizuno was nominated chairman of the meeting.

After his report on the proceedings of the sponsoring of the preparatory committee, representative Goro Ito read the prospective name of the Association, articles of Association, manifesto, and platform which were unanimously approved and adopted.

Rentaro Mizuno nominated General Jiro Minami as first President of the Association, and following formal approval of the nomination, General Minami delivered his inaugural address in which he expressed his firm determination to fulfil the mission of the new Association.

Congratulatory addresses by Premier General Koiso and Admiral Kobayashi followed. After adopting a resolution of thanks and encouragement to the Nippon armed forces on the fighting fronts all those attending joined in shouting Banzai for TENNO HEIKA and the meeting was brought to a close at 3 p.m.

The manifesto adopted at today's meeting reads in part:

"With enemy invasion increasing in intensity our very homeland is already a battleground. At this critical moment the Dai Nippon Seijikai has been established. Its aim is to bring together all circles into a strong organization to have their devotion and loyalty to the country fully represented on the national administration, and by discarding all past encumberances to cooperate in overcoming the national crisis. We enjoin all of you who are determined to serve the country at this critical moment to come and join us in service for our country to help overcome the crisis."

Immediate Release Of National Leaders Urged

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British Government to make Lord Wavell's visit to London the occasion for the liberation of all political prisoners in India and a presentation of proposals to India which recognised her independence.

The Secretary of the Independent Labour Party, Fenner Brockway, who moved the resolution said that it was intolerable that there should be discussions about the future political administration of India while many representatives of the Indian people were still in prison. He demanded the release of all political prisoners.

Fenner Brockway added that gradually the British Raj is being forced to recognise the strength of the Indian National Congress. He also sounded a note of warning that if the British do not watch carefully, economic domination of India will pass from their hands into the hands of the American financiers after the war.

Chiang's Regime Warned Against Vile US Designs

Tokyo, April 3 (Domei)—The Nippon Times in its editorial today warned Chiang Kai-shek against relying too heavily on the United States, declaring although the Generalissimo may believe American support in the war against Nippon affords him an excellent chance to strengthen his position vis-a-vis Yenan, his dependence on the United States at the same time offers an even unexcelled opportunity for the Americans to advance their imperialistic designs in the Far East.

It said the unexpectedly strong stand which Chiang Kai-shek took towards the Yenan regime in his speech on Mar. 1, might have been emboldened by some tacit understanding with the United States concerning his relations with Yenan. It is possible, the paper declared, the United States might have indicated she would not abandon support of Chungking under any circumstances "at least for the time being," because of the hopelessness of a Chungking-Yenan compromise.

Warning Chiang of the pitfalls lying in the way of increasing collaboration with the United States, the Nippon Times stressed, "For once Chungking has fallen under her (United States) complete military and political domination, the United States will have no difficulty in disposing of it as she sees fit."

It said although coalition with Yenan may spell political suicide for Chiang, too subservient a cooperation with the United States will result in just as great a disaster for him. In trying to avoid one by espousing the other, Chungking's fate may turn out to be the same in either case, the paper said, adding, "by refusing to co-operate with Nippon, Chiang may find that he has been digging his own grave, whatever policy he may pursue."

It continued that the United States' present attitude of continuing to support Chungking however, does not preclude the possibility of the United States extending military aid separately to Yenan forces whenever it may become advantageous for her to do so. Militarily the United States wants Chungking-Yenan unity for the sake of a united military front against Nippon, and a political solution of civil strife in China from the fear it might drag her into difficult relationship with the Soviet Union. Such a conflict the United States is anxious to avoid in order to assure smooth sailing for her imperialistic economic intentions in China, the editorial concluded.

Another U.S. Outrage Against Hospital Ship

Keelung (Taiwan), April 2 (Domei)—Another instance of deliberate enemy assaults on Nippon mercy ships occurred at 12.45 p.m. March 31 when the Nippon hospital ship Shikawa Maru lying at anchor in Keelung Harbour was damaged by three near-miss bombs dropped by an enemy B-24. The attack appears to have been deliberate as it was carried out during broad daylight when the hospital ship's red cross marking clearly should have been visible to the enemy raider.

Heavy Defensive Fighting Raging On Dutch Border

Berlin, April 2 (Domei)—Heavy defensive fighting continued yesterday in the Dutch frontier area between the Lower Rhine and Kaschede, the German High Command announced today, adding that east of Burgsteinfurt German legions effectively checked the enemy's progress. Also near Muenster the Wehrmacht asserted itself against strong attacks. East and south-east of Muenster the enemy was able to advance to the spurs of Teutoburgerwald on either side of Bielefed but was then checked with heavy losses in tanks and men, the communique said.

Walter Plato, Trans-Ocean military commentator, said that British formations spreading fanlike on the Lower Rhine yesterday ran up against tenaciously defended bolt positions near Emmerich as well as between the German-Dutch border and in the north-west foothills of Teutoburgerwald.

The German High Command said at Lower and Central Sieg stiff German counter-thrusts prevented the enemy's further advance, while in the Rothaar Mountains and the Winterberg area numerous American attacks were repulsed. A fighting group of the Waffen SS, reinforced by other elements operating far in the rear of the Americans, during the past three days have inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, repulsing more than 25 attacks, ranging up to regiment strength, the communique said.

Thirty-eight tanks and armoured cars, and numerous trucks and troop-carrying vehicles were captured or destroyed, and several hundred Americans, including 50 officers were captured. Heavy toll of American tanks was reported to have been taken yesterday when German troops frustrated enemy attacks on Kassel.

In Upper Silesia renewed Soviet attempts to breakthrough between Schwarzwasser and Jaegerndorf yesterday failed, the High Command said, adding that the Germans have accounted for 952 Red tanks in this sector during the latter half of March.

In Central Italy numerous American reconnaissance thrusts failed, it stated.

Oliver Lyttleton And Llewellyn In Ottawa

Lisbon, April 2 (Domei)—British Minister of Production Oliver Lyttleton and Minister of Food J. J. Llewellyn have arrived in Ottawa to sound out Canadian food prospects before returning again to Washington in order to hold food consultations with the American authorities for alleviating Britain's current shortage of food supplies, according to a London dispatch.

U.S. Director Of War Mobilization Resigns

Lisbon, April 2 (Domei)—Ostensibly due to mounting public dissatisfaction over his war mobilization measures, James Byrnes has resigned as United States Director of War Mobilization and assistant to President Roosevelt, according to a Washington dispatch. At the same time it is revealed Fred Vinson, Federal Loan Administrator, has been named as his successor.

U.S.-Soviet Move In 'Frisco Confab Deeply Deplored

Lisbon, April 2 (Domei)—Reflecting the disappointment and disillusionment of the anti-Axis peoples over the arbitrary move of the United States and the Soviet Union to secure additional votes at the forthcoming San Francisco Conference, the "Manchester Guardian" today editorially deplored the impression it has created on anti-Axis public opinion, especially on the smaller nations, according to a Manchester dispatch.

"This proposal is not quite so serious or so objectionable in itself as some critics have declared (we ourselves cannot be too comfortable about India), but its effect on public opinion and on smaller nations is already strong," the paper said.

Expressing its misgivings, the editorial asked, "What will they think when they learn that in addition to obtaining a complete monopoly in the council, the great powers now propose to extend their 'cartel' into the assembly. And why only Russia and the United States? Why should not France demand a seat for Indo-China and China one for Manchuria or Korea? For a new tendency is now apparent."

Meantime, Australian Minister of External Affairs Dr. Evatt today was reported as terming as "inaccurate and misleading" statements that the British Commonwealth will vote as a bloc. He maintained that Britain and the Dominions would be separate, distinct and equal members of the proposed anti-Axis world organization.

He emphasized that the Dominions have their own regional interests, although the British Government is believed to be anxious that the Dominions would collaborate closely with it in any decisions reached at the San Francisco Conference so as to ensure Britain's position against the "vote grabbing" tactics of the United States and the Soviet Union.

Foe Suffers Big Losses In Chatan War Sector

A Nippon Base on South-western Island, April 3 (Domei)—The focal point of fighting on the main island of Okinawa remains in the Chatan sector where the enemy continues to attack our position in an attempt to break through to the eastern sector of Zanpa Point, through Degushaku and Sakugawa to Kumeeshi.

Nippon garrison forces entrenched in strong positions are fiercely counter-attacking and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy invaders.

Local Women Enrol As Sports Assn. Members

Syonan, March 31 (Domei)—Syonan Sports Association which very recently decided to throw open its doors to women workers of this city has so far enrolled over 60 women members.

To provide additional recreational facilities for women members, the various sports and games committees of the Association are at present planning the introduction of suitable games into the club.

Nationwide Civilian Volunteers Planned

Tokyo, April 2 (Domei)—Responding to the people's enthusiastic appeals to be assigned a definite role in the defence of their country, the Nippon Cabinet today decided to carry out a systematic plan for organizing a civilian volunteer corps in readiness to meet any emergency, it is learned.

Sotaro Ishiwata, Chief Cabinet Secretary, is said to have elaborated on the scheme to establish a volunteer corps on a nation-wide basis under the direction of the Central Headquarters, with Premier General Kuniaki Koiso as Commander-in-Chief, assisted by able civilian vice-commanders.

Regarding provincial civilian defence units, Mr. Ishiwata suggested the formation of headquarters in every prefecture under prefectural governors. He disclosed the activities of the corps will be threefold, centering on production, defence and transportation.

It is understood the Youth Corps of the now defunct Imperial Rule Assistance Association and other similar organizations will be incorporated into the civilian volunteer corps which is expected to materialize soon.

Ogasawara Defenders Down Enemy Raiders

A Nippon Base in the Central Pacific, April 2 (Domei)—Nippon interception units on Chichijima and Hahajima of the Ogasawara Group accounted for a total of 11 planes either shot down or damaged when about 60 enemy P-51's raided the two islands midday Mar. 31.

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